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TO : CA-Mr. Hennemeyer

DATE: February 23, 1978

FROM : SCS-Francis X. Lambert

SUBJECT: Public Correspondence: The People's Temple

The Correspondence section of Public Affairs has requested language to use in response to the many letters they have received on the custody case of John Victor Stoen, the People's Temple and the politics of Guyana. All three subjects are inter-related in the volumes of letters SCS, ARA and PA have received. PA states that the language we submit must be cleared at the Deputy Assistant Secretary level.

We propose to send PA the three attached information sheets. Information sheet number one is the standard response we have been using for Congressional inquiries on behalf of Mr. and Mrs. Stoen. It has been cleared by Miss Watson (L/W). Information sheet two is the response drafted by the Guyanese desk in reply to queries by Congress alleging USG interference in the internal affairs of Guyana. It was cleared by ARA--G. Lister. Information sheet three is a new draft providing information in general about the People's Temple.

Action requested: That you review all three sheets and provide clearance for information sheet three.

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